

REMARKS

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

Figures 1 and 2a have been amended to show the trimming device and instruction sheet. Since both features were originally claimed and disclosed in the specification, no new matter is entered.

Claims 8 and 16 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1).

These claims have been amended to provide antecedent basis for "the trimming instruction" and are believed allowable.

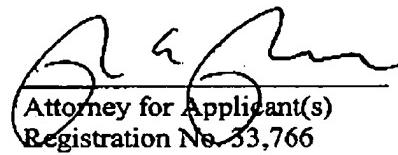
Claims 1-7 and 9-15 are rejected as being obvious over Muramatsu in view of the Background section of the current application.

In order to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, it is necessary to present evidence that one having ordinary skill in the art would have been led to combine the relevant teachings of the applied references in the proposed manner to arrive at the claimed invention. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art and not based on applicant's disclosure. In the present case, the only suggestion for the proposed combination improperly stems from applicant's disclosure.

While applicant's take issue with the proposed combination, even if a person of ordinary skill in the art would find it obvious to combine the teachings of Muramatsu and admitted prior art as suggested, the claimed features still would not be met. Specifically, automatically enabling the printer to print full-bleed or optimizing the image location on the media for minimizing post-print trimming.

In view of the above reasons, it is submitted that claims 1-16 are not obvious over the combined teachings of Muramatsu in view of the Background section of the current application and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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